

CHAPTER 18

PARKS AND RECREATION

SECTION 18-1. RECREATION BOARD.

There is hereby created a recreation board for the City. This board shall be composed of eleven (11) members as follows:

1. Nine (9) members of the board shall be appointed by the Common Council for terms of three (3) years each. The members of the board appointed under the prior City Code chapter shall complete their terms as initial terms. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of three years.
2. Two (2) members shall be students at John Handley High School. Each member shall be appointed to a one-year term, the term to commence June 1st of each year. The appointments shall be made by the Common Council. The principal, the director of student activities or successor position and the senior class member shall make recommendations to Council prior to April 1 of each year. At the time of the appointments, one of the members shall be a sophomore and the other shall be a junior. (Ord. No. 029-95, 07-11-95)

SECTION 18-2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The recreation board shall elect annually from its members a president and a vice-president. (Code 1959, §19-19; Ord. No. 029-95, 07-11-95)

SECTION 18-3. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES.

The recreation board shall advise Council concerning the organization and promotion of programs of recreational and cultural activities for the improvement of leisure time of the citizens of Winchester in a constructive and wholesome manner. The board shall also make recommendations to Council regarding capital improvement programs and maintenance programs related to the recreational programs.

At least semi-annually, the board shall confer with civic, business, fraternal, educational, social, recreational and religious organizations based in the City to discuss parks and

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recreation activities and to receive input and advice on such topics which are within the board's jurisdiction. (Code 1959, §19-18; Ord. No. 029-95, 07-11-95)

Charter reference--Borrowing by city for construction of parks, §18.

Cross reference--Trees growing in parks, §30-16, *et seq.*

State Law References--Authority of council to establish and maintain parks and playgrounds, Code of Virginia, §15.1-15; authority to establish and conduct system of public recreation and playgrounds, §15.1-271 *et seq.*; liability of city in operation of swimming pool, park, playground or other recreational facility, §15.1-291; regulation by city of use of parks, playgrounds, playfields and recreation facilities, §15.1-871; operation of sports facilities by city, §15.1-886.

SECTION 18-4. FINANCES; REPORTS.

The recreational board shall devise and recommend ways and means to procure funds necessary for the maintenance of programs of the City. The board may solicit or receive any gifts or bequests of money or other personal or real property or any donations for the operation of the parks facilities and parks programs. Any such gifts or bequests of land shall be titled in the name of the City of Winchester. The board shall recommend to Council procedures to supervise all such grants and gifts and shall make a full report of at least annually to Council on the matters under its jurisdiction. The board shall not contract for nor incur any obligations or liabilities in the name of the City. (Code 1959, §19-20; Ord. 029-95, 07-11-95)

SECTION 18-5. APPOINTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR AND OTHER PERSONNEL.

The city manager shall appoint and supervise the director of parks and recreation. Other personnel of the department shall be appointed by the city personnel director upon recommendation of the parks and recreation director, with concurrence of the city manager in accordance with the City's Personnel Management System. (Ord. No. 029-95, 07-11-95)

SECTIONS 18-6 - 18-19. RESERVED.

